

***Ruemkelia* (Mammalia, Insectivora, Talpidae) nom. nov.  
for *Dibolia* RÜMKE, 1985 (nec LATREILLE, 1829)**

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Abstract. New generic name *Ruemkelia* is created for *Dibolia* RÜMKE, 1985, nom. praeocc. by *Dibolia* LATREILLE, 1829.

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The genus *Dibolia* was established by LATREILLE (1829: 155) for some species of leaf beetles (*Coleoptera*, *Chrysomelidae*) earlier described under the genus name *Altica* O.F. MÜLLER, 1764 (= *Haltica* ILLIGER, 1801), in which "les jambes postérieures sont terminées par une épine fourchue" (e. g. *A. occultans* KOCH, 1803).

In 1985 C. G. RÜMKE described *Dibolia dekkersi* n. g. and n. sp. (*Mammalia*, *Talpidae*, *Desmaninae*) as a typus generis. To this genus she also included 8 other species of desmans. In derivatio nominis of *Dibolia* she explained that "the name, meaning weapon with two points, refers to the peculiar two-lobed first upper incisor, I<sup>1</sup>".

In that way the name *Dibolia* RÜMKE, 1985 became a junior homonym of *Dibolia* LATREILLE, 1829.

According to one of the principles of homonymy (Intern. Code of zool. nomencl., 1985, chapter XII, article 52a): "An available name that is a junior homonym of another available name must not be used as a valid name".

Dr C. G. RÜMKE contacted by the authors of the present note authorized them to introduce a new name in the place of the junior homonym mentioned above. In this situation we propose to adopt the generic name *Ruemkelia* for *D. dekkersi* and other species assigned by her to the genus *Dibolia*.

The new name is given in honour of dr Cornelia G. RÜMKE, an author of the important monograph on the fossil water-moles (*Desmaninae*).

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